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POLLUTION REPORT

DATE: July 19, 1988

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POLREP NO:

Forty (40)

INCIDENT NAME:

Ringwood Mines

SITE NO:

62

POLLUTANT:

Lead Paint Sludges

CLASSIFICATION:

Major

SOURCE:

Ford International Services, Inc.

LOCATION:

Ringwood, Passaic County, New Jersey

AMOUNT:

Approximately 7500 tons

WATER BODY:

Groundwater

SITUATION:

- A. Paint sludges from the automotive industry were disposed of in a large mine area in Ringwood, Passaic County, New Jersey.
- Based upon the concentration of lead in the EP Toxicity leachates, the paint sludge exhibits the characteristics of a hazardous waste as promulgated in 40 CFR, 261, Subpart C (USEPA hazardous waste number D008).
- C. A consent order was signed by Ford International Services, Inc. accepting responsibility for the total site clean-up.
- D. Four areas containing solidified paint sludge have been designated as pits A, B, C and D. Pits A, B, and D are located on-site and are being excavated first. Pit C, located at an isolated area off site, will be addressed last.

2. ACTION TAKEN:

- A. Woodward Clyde Consultants are currently conducting a feasibility study on the site.
- B. Backfilling has been completed in areas D and B.
- C. No shipments of dirt were made.
- D. EPA continues to monitor PRP activities.

3. FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Backfilling of the remaining open areas is expected to begin in August.

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